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1. Hungarian Armored NCO Training Centers

- a. The political officer of each armored unit is responsible for the selection of NCO candidates who are being sent to training centers at Kenyérmező, Kemence, and at Pápa. Training at these camps lasts for three months. Some of the outstanding trainees are sent to Kemence for further six months of instruction. Each of the above named armored centers graduates 30 NCOs per month, i.e. altogether 90 newly appointed NCOs reach the armored units each month. In all three camps there are Russian officers among the instructors. Commands are given, even by the Hungarian instructors, in Russian.
- b. In addition to the armored trainees, AVH troops receive instruction at Kemence.
- c. Since the spring of 1952, large-scale construction has been in progress at Kemence. Two auxiliary labor battalions are engaged in the construction of new barracks, garages, machine shops, etc.

2. Soviet Basic Training Camp near Szeged

- a. About 8 km. north of Szeged, on the south side of Fehértő, there is a basic training camp for Soviet recruits. In late spring of 1952, approximately 2,000 recruits were sent from this camp to Soviet units in southeast Hungary.
- b. On 23, 24, and 27 September 1952, three train sections carrying a total of 1,700 trainees arrived at this camp from the direction of Békéscsaba and Gyula. The recruits were in uniform, but most of them were not armed. They were greeted by a delegation of the Hungarian Ministry of Defense, headed by a Russian, Lt. Col. T. Sramek. In addition to Sramek a Hungarian first lieutenant, also representing the Ministry, welcomed the troops.

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